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HONGKONG AND ITS FLORA.

(Continued.)

**AGRICULTURE AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.**  
Bamboo Ropes.—Some good series of bamboo ropes both plaited and twisted were secured through the kindness of Mr. Playfair and Mr. Higgs of H. M. Consulate, Fochow, and of Mr. Currie of the C. I. M. Customs at Swatow and were sent to the Imperial Institute and to Kow.

**COMMERCIAL INVESTIGATIONS.**  
With a view to placing the botanical resources of this Department as far as possible at the service of the mercantile community of Hongkong, the Excelsior has requested me to collect all possible information upon the vegetable products of this neighbourhood or for which Hongkong is an emporium. This information is to refer chiefly to the raw or partly manufactured products exported from (China and to include the locality of their production, quantity available, country to which exported, price at port of export and in the markets to which they eventually go.

The Director of the Imperial Institute of London has already on several occasions used the wide resources of his establishment for the investigation of vegetable products in which Hongkong is interested as has been recorded on several occasions in these Annual Reports. His aid would certainly be sought in certain parts of these commercial investigations and the additional details so obtained as well as others obtainable through official sources would perhaps be of sufficient use to firms interested in the trade of the Colony to enable them to take up new products or at any rate to handle some of the older ones to greater advantage.

The chief subject of correspondence with the Institute during the last year have been oils and oil seeds, bamboo products and Chinese medicines (collected in connection with the request of the British Pharmacopoeia Committee). The following vegetable products have been selected for preliminary investigation as being among those of most importance to this Colony:—China Root, Galangal, A. B. F. Fibre, Ramie, Apricot kernels and Melon seeds.

**ADDITIONS TO THE FLORA OF HONGKONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.**

*Segetaria pinnatifida*, D. C.—A cosmopolitan weed found in Hongkong and Kowloon, in waste places.

*Citronella*, *Hamel*.—Growing abundantly near the rice fields, Kowloon City. Previously known from the North River, Kwangtung, and Cochin China.

*Quisqualis indica*, Linn.—Collected behind the Buddhist Temple, Causeway Bay. Perhaps an escape from cultivation. Widely dispersed in tropical Asia. *Eugenia* sp.—Found on the east side of the road leading up from Quarry Bay to the Sanatorium at Mt. Parker. A shrub about 12 feet high.

*Wendlandia* sp.—Trailing over rocks and trees on the hill above Tiam B. savorio; also on Taimoshan.

*Ardisia chinensis*, Benth.—Rediscovered, on the western spur of Mt. Parker. Only known from Hongkong and Formosa.

*Alphitophyllum perspicuum*, Mart.—Found on the south side of Lantau. Previously collected in various parts of China, and in Formosa.

*Ehretia acuminata*, B. Br.—Collected by Mr. Ford in 1893 on the west side of the stream leading from Wongneichung Gap to Deepwater Bay, but not previously determined. A common tree in China; also found in India, Malay, and North Australia.

*Veronica Tournefortii*, C. O. Gmel.—An European weed found in the Albany Nursery. Probably introduced with flower seeds from Europe.

*Lindera glauca*, Bl.—A few trees growing near the top of the path leading from May Road to Barker Road. Common in China; also found in Japan, but not previously recorded from Hongkong.

*Alaphia australis*, Linn.—Found in the Albany Nursery. Frequently met with in China but not hitherto in Hongkong; also known from Japan.

*Burmannia Wallichii*, Hook. f.—Found in Hongkong 50 years ago, but not again until this year.

*Cynotis Kewensis*, C. B. Clarke.—Growing alongside the stream leading from Wongneichung Gap to Wongneichung Village. Previously collected at Travancore, and in China in Kwangtung and Fokien.

*Pandanus forbesii*, Martelli.—Discovered on a hill north of Kowloon Tong. Only previously known from a few droppings from which the species was described.

*Lomax polytricha*, Linn.—Collected in swamps at So Kun Po. Found in the warm and temperate regions of the old world, and in the Northern United States to Venezuela and Cuba. Recorded from Hongkong for the first time.

*Cyathes spinulosus*, Wall.—Several plants found by Mr. Dunn on the north side of Lantau in a ravine above Tung Chuen. An interesting addition to the tree flora of the Colony. Known from India and Japan, and recently collected by Staff-Surgeon C. G. Matthews, R.N., up the Mien Ohsan River, in Kwangtung.

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T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, July 28, 1909.

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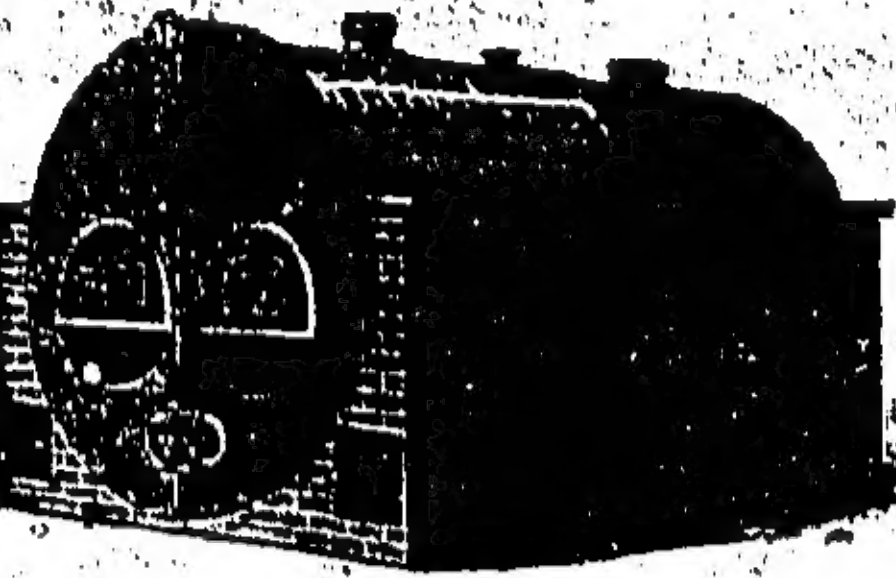
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Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 20, 1905.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
in Petitions were on the 6th July, 1905,  
presented to the Hon. the Court of Hong-  
kong, in its Original Jurisdiction, by the  
above named Society and Company respec-  
tively to confirm the alterations of the said  
Society's and the said Company's respective  
objects proposed to be effected by Special  
Ordinary Resolutions of the said Society  
and Company respectively, unanimously  
passed at Extraordinary General Meetings  
of the said Society and the said Company  
respectively held on the 21st April, 1905,  
and subsequently unanimously confirmed  
at further Extraordinary General Meetings  
of the said Society and the said Company  
respectively held on the 7th May, 1905,  
and which Resolutions respectively run as  
follows:—

That the Memorandum and Articles of  
Association of the Society (Company)  
be respectively extended, altered  
and amended as set forth as shown  
in the print signed for the purpose  
of identification by the Chairmen of  
this Meeting and that such extended,  
altered and amended Memorandum and  
Articles of Association be forthwith  
adopted as the Memorandum and  
Articles of Association of the  
Society (Company) to the exclusion  
of those heretofore prevailing.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN  
that the said Petitions are directed to be  
heard before His Honour Sir Francis  
Piggott, Chief Justice of the said Court, in  
fifteen days from this date and any person  
interested in the said Society or the said  
Company, whether as creditor, policyholder,  
shareholder or otherwise, proposing to  
oppose or to support the making  
of the said Resolutions, is hereby  
warned to appear at the said Court  
on the 15th day of August, 1905, at ten  
o'clock in the forenoon, to be heard  
by the said Court on the said Resolutions  
and to present evidence in support of  
the same, and to be heard by the said  
Court on the said Resolutions.  
Dated the 20th July, 1905.  
Secretary to the said Society and the  
said Company.

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HISTORY.**

Impressive Spectacle  
at Spithead.

(By H. W. Wilson in the Daily Mail.)  
The inspection of the Fleet assembled  
at Spithead in honour of the Imperial  
Press delegates will long live in the memory  
of all privileged to be present. As a  
spectacle, words cannot do justice to its  
impressive grandeur.

As the guests assembled at Victoria, Sir  
John Fisher, who was present on the  
platform showering upon the delegates  
kindly attentions, looked the picture of  
energy and animation, organizer of the  
greatest event of the Press Congress.  
Moored at the Portsmouth jetty was the  
steamer Volcano, which was to take the  
guests through the Fleet. When the train  
arrived, the sky was overcast, and there  
was a sharpness in the air which softened  
rather with November than with June.  
No guest might reach the steamer without  
exhibiting a pass, and so energetic were the  
police that even Sir John Fisher, who was  
in mufti, was challenged.

Out in the harbour lay the Victory,  
Dead Nelson and his half-dead crew, his  
foes from near and far,  
Were rolled together on the deep that night  
at Trafalgar.

Boatged aloft, her sides manned with a  
long row of motionless dark blue figures,  
she lay, her battles done; monument of  
the old order passed for ever. A cloud of  
smoke broke from her side as a 24-pounder  
began a salute.  
The Volcano followed the Admiralty  
jack of Spithead towards Spithead. The  
jack on the horizon towered a forest of tall  
masts and funnels and pipes, multitudinous,  
wonderful to see. This was the greatest  
and strongest fleet ever assembled in any  
anchorage—the fleet which keeps watch  
and ward over the safety of England. The  
Volcano drew nearer and the sun shone.  
The colour effects were wonderful. Now  
the scouts were passed, low-lying, graceful,  
with the air of greyhounds, heading each  
a division of destroyers. Their sides were  
manned with the row of impassive figures.  
They wore the sombre dress of war;  
khaki for the fighting man on land; lead  
colour for the fighting ship at sea, save  
only the destroyers, which are black as  
the night in which they use their terrible  
weapon.

The big ships were anchored in three  
lines, each line close on six miles long—  
a muster of giants, marshalled with abso-  
lute perfection.  
The grandeur of the sight took the  
breath away. Battleship on battleship,  
raising like immense fortresses, grim with  
guns, columns with the air of force and  
resolution, businesslike with their absence  
of all adventitious trappings a city of ships  
majestic, dignified, forceful, gloomy on a  
gloomy sea—for the sky had now once  
more clouded over. In that great array  
there were no "dummy" ships, no  
"duffers." The oldest of the battle-fleet  
was not eleven years launched.

The vast hull of the Dreadnought to-  
warded us with her huge tripod mast  
and its fire-control position and wireless  
network by which she can talk with  
Gibraltar as she lies off Portsmouth. Now  
the eye looked down between the lines.  
It was a marvellous sight, this avenue  
of behemoths, interminable, unbroken.  
It was the road of Empire, kept by battle-  
ships of the Princes of Wales and King  
Edward classes. Away to the right showed  
the four Dreadnoughts, the most wonderful  
group of ships in a wonderful fleet, with  
their "giant" 15in. guns in their huge grey  
turrets. Near was the great bulk of the  
eight King Edwards, with their 12in. pre-  
tending masts. In each ship, the  
marines, in red tunics and white helmets,  
made a little patch of colour below, while  
aloft against the windy sky the flags flew  
out in gale fashion.

Enormous armoured cruisers succeeded  
the twenty-two battleships. Here away on  
the right were the three Invincibles, the  
fastest armoured cruisers in the world and  
the last of their kind. They were the Indom-  
itable, the Indefatigable, the Indestructible,  
the "book of the Great Game" with her  
record of the fastest Atlantic passage.  
There was the Invincible, which disputes  
the Indomitable's laurels, there was the  
Indefatigable.

What strikes the eye is their monstrous  
bulk and their appearance of speed and  
power. They are floating fortresses, with  
the air of factories, not ships; but these  
are fortresses and factories that can move  
with the swiftness of the wind. Grey hull  
succeeded grey hull; one monster followed  
on another. At last the Volcano turned.  
The passage down the avenue of ships had  
taken just over half an hour.

Now leaving behind the great ships of  
today, we headed towards the Gosport  
shore, and there broke upon the gaze a  
number of minister craft. These were the  
vessels of tomorrow—the thirty-five sub-  
marines. Far off they showed, like the  
Monitor when she came out for her fight  
with the Merrimack—these boxes of  
steel. "Steamers" these, the boxes be-  
came an uneasy-looking, pepper-box of a  
coming tower, from which two long per-  
scope tubes protruded, planted on a long,  
low, narrow deck that rose up from the  
cigar-shaped hull. On each coming tower  
of dark wood, twelve or fourteen officers  
and men, the men clad in white duff  
"jumpers," blue trousers, and Navy  
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**Intimations.**

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Services First Estimate 2,280,688 13 9  
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**TO LET.**  
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Apply to  
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**TO LET.**  
**DESIABLE GROUND FLOOR**  
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2 Rooms on First Floor of a HOUSE  
MANSIONS with use of bath room, suit-  
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Apply  
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**FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE.**  
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11 a.m.—Auction of whole Stock in  
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Chater Road.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, July 31.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c. at No. 21, Mosque Street.  
Goods per *Pavia* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 2.—

Exchange Banks Close.

Insurance Offices Close.

Goods per *Dorimund* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.Goods per *Manchuria* undelivered after  
noon on this date subject to rent.Goods per *Chio Maru* undelivered after  
noon on this date subject to rent.Goods per *Lennon* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.Goods per *Mantia* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, August 3.—

Goods per *Indrapura* not cleared on  
this date at 10 a.m. subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, August 4.—

Goods per *Sumatra* not cleared at 4 p.m.  
on this date subject to rent.Goods per *Chester* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.Goods per *Atsuta Maru* not cleared on  
this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 9.—

10 a.m.—Auction of Naval & Victualling  
Stores, at H.M. Naval Establishments.  
Transfer Books of Hongkong & Wham-  
poa Dock Co., Ltd., close from this date  
to 23rd August, inclusive.

MONDAY, August 23.—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-  
poa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1909

## NOT THE LAW OF THE ENGLISH.

The average man does not usually look

to a Blue-book or a White-paper for

entertainment, yet he would be grievously

mistaken if he chanced the whole

lot as dry and uninteresting, an affliction

to the spirit to have to read or a

weariness to the flesh to have to digest.

Now and again a Consular or Diplomatic

report is written in such a style that

it could hardly be refused to rank as

real literature where the application for

its admittance within the sacred pre-

cincts to be formally made on its behalf

to the British Academy. And apart from

mere literary value, what a lot of

interesting facts we should still be with-

out regarding odd phases of Chinese

life were we deprived of the admirable

series of reports annually compiled by

British Consuls in Far Cathay? For of

course it is chiefly when such reports

deal with out-of-the-way corners of the

earth that they rise above the common-

place and reward the searcher after

curious facts and interesting data.

What a mine of rich treasure the yearly

reports of Lord Cromer always proved

during the years when he was practi-

cally ruler of Egypt—the main

Kromah of the poor fellahs woman

who had been unjustly deprived of her

pasture rights but knew that if she

appealed to him he would see that she

had justice done. her. Lord Cromer's

successors are following in his footsteps,

and the Standard recently prepared a

digest from the portion of Sir Elton

Goswami's report dealing with the Soudan

which makes particularly good reading.

The first incident related deals with a

case of proposed euthanasia. It appears

that Captain R. C. Ower, Governor of the

province of Mongalla, received a friendly

visit from Sheikh Alixori, the aged

Chief of the Berri tribe, accompanied by

his son, Km-Di. This quibbling named

young man, who was the spokesman of

the party, gravely requested, the

English Governor to put the old

Sheikh to death, preferring the request

without the least regard for the

greybeard's feelings. Sheikh Alixori,

it seems, had arrived at an age when,

according to tribal sentiment, he was no

longer wanted. The Berri would have

been quite prepared to enforce the

custom of the country themselves, es-

pecially as Alixori had made himself

disliked by keeping back the rain by

devices best known to himself. But

they had an idea that the white rulers

of the Soudan might object to a summary

euthanasia, and accordingly laid the

case before the English Governor.

Captain Ower asked the old Sheikh

what his views were, and whether he

was prepared to die; but Alixori

merely shrugged his shoulders, and

appears to have been quite ready to

acquiesce in the proposed arrangement.

Of course, Captain Ower could only

explain that it was out of the question.

Disappointed if not surprised at the

Governor's scruples, the unfilial Km-Di

then suggested that the English should

send his father to Khartum; but this, says

Captain Ower, was altogether too much

for the venerable chief, who burst into

loud invectives against the young man.

When they only talked of getting rid of

him in the usual way, he was callously

resigned; but he was not going to be

sent to Khartum. The incident, Sir E.

Goswami remarks, throws an interesting

light on the moral state of the Berri.

Another English officer, Major Mar-

tine, relates an anecdote illustrative of

the naive simplicity of the people in-

habiting the swamps between the Bah-

el-Zeraf and the Bahr-el-Jebel. Having

heard that the English officials were dis-

pensing justice, a Dinka repaired to

Sobat, to ask that compensation might

be awarded to him for the slaying

of his son. Taking another of his sons

with him he went to the Inspector's

office. That official was already engaged

with a case, and the two Dinkas noted

with approval that he listened most

attentively to the plaintiff's story. Then,

greatly to their disgust, instead of pro-

nouncing instant judgment, he turned

an equally open ear to the defendant,

who told his version, and eventually

won the case. "My father," the son

was heard to say, "this is no place for

us; this man hears both sides," and

they fled. It was afterwards ascertain-

ed that the suit they had proposed to

bring was grossly fraudulent. In the

report on Lower Egypt will be found an

instance of yet stranger ideas about

justice. Inquiries made by an English

official at Assiut elicited the fact that

among the gipsies who wander up and

down the country, it is the custom,

when one of the tribe is injured by

another, for the two parties to settle

which is the better man by each throw-

ing away or destroying some of his

own property. The process may be

repeated till considerable losses are in-

curred. The particular case referred to

was that of a gipsy band from Aleppo

and will best be understood if imagin-

ary names are given to the disputants.

Six months before their arrival at

Assiut Owar had struck one of Zaid's

camels with a whip; an unpardon-

able insult, only to be wiped out

by the customary procedure. The

aggrieved Zaid accordingly killed one

of his own buffaloes. Owar, not to be

outdone, killed two of his. Zaid threw

\$25 into the Nile. Owar followed this

with \$10. So they went on slaughtering

animals and throwing away money till

property to the value of \$400 had been

lost in the game. But the dispute was

still unsettled, for both Owar and Zaid

were wealthy men. At Assiut the local

authorities suggested, not that the

parties should go to law, but that,

instead of killing any more animals or

emptying their purses into the Nile, the

buffaloes, camels, etc., should be sold,

and the proceeds, with as much money

as each side was prepared to spend, given

to a Moslem charitable society. Whether

Owar or Zaid won in the end the report

does not say, but the issue was at length

decided at a cost of nearly \$1000.

Owar and Zaid, however, have the

satisfaction of knowing that not a

penny of law costs went into the hands

of the lawyers. Such are a few of the

incidents which this solemn-looking

Blue-book encloses within its officially

grim-looking pages, but who will deny

that the entertainment they afford is not

almost on a par with a gossip with say,

such a book as that of dear old Perry?

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

During his sojourn in Hongkong His

Excellency Viceroy Chang will stay at the

residence of the Chinese Commissioner,

His Excellency Ko Ehn-chen.

The value of the gift vase presented

to Prince Ito as a parting gift by the

Korean Emperor is set down at 45,000

yen. They weigh nearly 20 lbs.

A meteorological station is in process

of erection on Mount Elburz in the Cau-

casus Range at a height of 12,000 ft. above

sea-level. This will be the highest station

in Europe.

The House of Commons, on the motion

of Mr. Dillon, has referred to a Committee

of privileges the letter the Duke of Nor-

folk wrote to the Conservative candidate

for the High Peak division of Derbyshire.

Rumour has it that with the retire-

ment of Sir John Fisher from the Ad-

miralty in the course of a few months,

there will be another re-distribution of

the overseas squadrons and a probable

strengthening of certain of them.

We hope the China station will not be over-

looked.

Much to the surprise of the general

public, Lee Chee Sang, who was extradited

from Hongkong to answer charges of de-

frauding the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-

ing Corporation of large sums of money,

pleaded guilty at the Penang Assizes on

the 23rd July. He was sentenced to

seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

Recently the Oriental Hotel has under-

gone extensive alterations which have con-

siderably enhanced this first class and

up-to-date hotel and to celebrate the re-

opening, the band of the 13th Rajputa

under Band-master Coker, will play selec-

tions of music during and after dinner on

Saturday evening. As will be seen from

our advertising columns, a special menu has

been arranged and patrons can rely on the

fare provided being of the very best.

The benevolent assimilation of the

Philippines is apparently not concluded.

Much has been said of the enlistment of

a native constabulary as the surest means

of assimilating the stubborn natives. But

this policy has encountered disaster in its

turn. The holding of the Philippines as an

American colony has been, a failure from

the outset, and the sooner it is abandoned

the better for all concerned. *Philadelphia*

Record.

Lord Mount Stephen, who has entered

the ranks of the octogenarians, is in a sense

the most exalted peer of the realm. That

is to say, he takes his title from one of the

highest peaks of the Canadian Rockies.

First the peak was named after him, and

when he was made a peer he re-named

himself after the peak. Lord Mount

Stephen has risen from the lowliest begin-

nings. He was a hard-boy in his native

Scotland, and on migrating to London he

spent some time as a draper's assistant in

St. Paul's Churchyard. Transferring him-

self to Canada in his 21st year, he built up

a big woolen business, became a millionaire

and the first president of the Canadian

Pacific Railway. He has been a munificent

benefactor of hospitals and deserving

charities.

OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

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## AN ABSENT WITNESS.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this afternoon, Wong Fuk Kin, sued Chun Fuk Kwam to recover \$434.41, being as to \$103 money lent; \$338 money paid by plaintiff to Chun Wo and Co., on behalf and at the request of the defendant; \$293.41 damages for the wrongful detention of a set of gold buttons, one pawn ticket for a pair of gold earrings mounted with gold.

Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. Davidson defended.

Mr. Davidson asked for an adjournment as his friend had not furnished particulars until a day or two ago after having promised to do so on Saturday.

Mr. Goldring—I furnished them a day or two ago.

Mr. Davidson—My friend is in fault. His Lordship—There was no day fixed for giving these particulars.

Mr. Davidson—Saturday morning. His Lordship—Was it an order or only an understanding.

Mr. Davidson—I do not know. Mr. Goldring—I supplied the particulars by letter on Monday.

Mr. Davidson—I did not receive them until Tuesday morning.

His Lordship—You have not had time to go into them?

Mr. Davidson—I cannot honestly say that. The fact is one of my witnesses is not here.

His Lordship—Is your client a man?

Mr. Davidson—He is a man.

His Lordship—A man can get here by to-morrow afternoon; if it had been a lady—(Laughter.)

Mr. Goldring—I believe my friend knows all about my case because he was once instructed on his behalf.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

## RECEIVING ORDERS.

The Official Receiver, at the Bankruptcy Court, this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, applied that in future the Official Receiver should make the application for a receiving order. Sometimes the solicitor of the parties was not at the creditors' meeting and therefore it was forgotten.

His Lordship said he was not prepared to make a general order just then, but would deal with the matter in Chambers during the course of the week.

## BANKRUPTCY PETITION OPPOSED.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Bankruptcy Court, to-day, Mr. R. D. Atkinson opposed the petition of Ko Tan King for a receiving order. Mr. Atkinson said the petition had been adjourned in order to make enquiries as to the sufficiency of the assets. Mr. G. P. Lammer had valued them at \$500 and he understood there was an offer of \$2,000 for the good-will of the business. So far as he was aware they were the only assets available. The furniture and fittings had been distrained some ten days ago for rent. The liabilities amounted to \$70,600.

Mr. Fletcher, Official Receiver, said the business had been sold for \$800.

Mr. Atkinson—I understand a man was willing to give \$2,000 for the good-will of the business.

His Lordship—There are not enough assets to warrant the making of an order.

The matter was adjourned in Chambers.

## ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For stealing a quantity of clothing from 10 C, Wellington Street a native was, at the Magistracy to-day, sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

A widow employed in coolie labour by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. was charged at the Magistracy to-day with stealing eight tallow candles and two pieces of canvas. She was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour by Mr. F. A. Hazelard.

One Chinese woman charged another at the Magistracy to-day with stealing a quantity of clothing valued at \$90 and other articles valued at \$460. The case was dismissed, but as the women had been engaging in a quarrel they were both bound over to keep the peace.

The Official Receiver reported to the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Bankruptcy Court this morning, in the case of Yuen Lan Kin, that the application had been made by Messrs. Deacon, Looky and Deacon in Chambers, but the question was whether debtor was a sub-contractor of the War Department. The War Department had written denying any knowledge of debtor. The order was postponed.

The old bank-note trick has again been tried on by a scheming native, but this time they were smartly caught by a detective. This officer saw two men negotiating with a woman, and on making investigations he learned that they were seeking her to take some notes which they said they had found to the money changer's. She consented, but the men said they should require some security for her return with the money. She was preparing to part with three gold rings when the detective came on the scene. An examination of the bundle which the man was trying to palm off, on the woman showed that it consisted of a roll of worthless papers wrapped in a single dollar note. At the Magistracy to-day the men were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A MANGY DOG.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir.—Have the police the authority to order the owner of a mangy dog to destroy it, or, in default, the right to destroy it themselves? If not, they ought to. There is a poor mangy mongrel that frequents the lower part of Wyndham Street. This poor beast is a great source of infectious danger to other dogs, an eye-sore to the public and a misery to himself. It would be an act of humane kindness if he were quietly despatched.—Yours.

## DOG FANCIES.

## OPENING OF AMOY CUSTOMS HOUSE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Amoy, July 28.

Amid a terrific fusillade of Chinese crackers His Excellency the Tao tai of Amoy opened the doors of the new Customs House Building at a few minutes to 9 a.m. this morning, Monday, July 28th. Soon after eight o'clock crowds of Chinese were in waiting upon the Amoy Bund, and from that time onwards to the moment of opening, large numbers of foreigners under their way across in the boats kindly provided by the Customs Staff, for the use of visitors. In addition to Mr. Menacini, the acting Commissioner of Customs; Mr. Richardson, the Deputy Commissioner; and Mr. Neilson, the Inspector of Light-houses, who formed a Committee of Reception, the Foreign Consuls, the Heads of Hon. Banks, and other firms, and most of the Foreign community of Amoy were present, including a few ladies. Most of the high officials of the Chinese Government at Amoy were present, and as each arrived in his official chair he was greeted by three deafening bombs, the last and loudest being reserved for the Tao tai, who arrived, in due accord with his high rank, last of all. All along the line of the bund, opposite the Customs House were immense festoons of Chinese crackers, and unfortunately, these were fired just at the very moment when the Tao tai was turning the key in the lock, to the discomfort and peril of those who were waiting outside to enter. The space between the front of the Customs House and the sea is not more than 20 feet, and it would certainly have been better to have waited until everybody had got inside before starting to light the crackers.

While the ceremony was in progress, the band of the German gunboat *Ilia* was playing the Chinese "National Anthem," and through the kindness of the Commander it continued to play selections of music at intervals. The Chinese officials were escorted over the building by the Reception Committee, and expressed themselves delighted with the fine proportions of the edifice: the large number of the rooms, and their height and airiness, and its entire suitability for the purpose for which it has been designed. On the front verandah, refreshments of sandwiches, cakes, and local drinks were generally provided, and the health of the Chinese Emperor, the Regent, the L.G., &c., were drunk, and success to the future of Amoy was the note of the speeches of the Tao tai and Mr. Menacini. The Tao tai's speech was translated into English and read by his Secretary, but unfortunately the deafening noise of the crackers, which had started again during this part of the ceremony, prevented many of us from hearing what was said either by the Tao tai or by Mr. Menacini in replying.

The building has taken about 2 years to build, and is a fine block in three stories of the best Amoy red brick, faced with stone. A clock is placed in the centre above the entrance story, and will prove very useful, though its usefulness would have been greater had its dial been of larger diameter. The design is by an architect and engineer, Mr. Dick, of the I.M. Customs in Shanghai, and without any pretence to any special architectural beauties, it yet shows itself to be what it is, a solid substantial building in every way fitted for the needs of the port of Amoy. The Commissioner's Office is on the first floor, and is a fine well-proportioned room, while the other offices are distributed over the building in suitable positions. The upper floor is given up to the living rooms of the Tidewaiters, bedrooms, sitting rooms, dining rooms, bathrooms, and kitchen, all being compact together on the one floor. Above that is an attic, with a stairway leading right on to the roof, which is superb, and is also provided in the front with two water tanks, capable of holding 100 gallons of water, in case of fire. Great credit is due to Mr. Thompson, the Clerk of Works, who has supervised the building from foundation to roof, and to whose care is due the splendid way in which the whole house has been built. All the materials used have been of the best, and the result is a fine building of which Amoy can afford to be proud. The new building has already justified itself, for Mr. Menacini in his short speech alluded to the fact that the total sum passing through the Customs of Amoy during the first six months of this year is \$80,000 more than in the similar period last year. Long may the new Customs House flourish, and may it register an increase every year from this time onwards!

## VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPE.

To-night a benefit performance will be given to the Engel Troupe at the Victoria Cinematograph. A special programme has been arranged for the occasion. Professor E. Fréguini the transformist will give his final performance before proceeding to Europe, while the magnificent new film "Christmas Eve Dream" will also be shown on the screen. To-morrow evening the Sisters Coleman and Sisters Lee will do a double turn.

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## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) A NEW HOSPITAL.

A very large hospital to be called "Yan Chai" is to be built in Honam. A subscription list has been opened and in addition to this theatrical performances and cinematograph shows will be given in Honam Theatre in aid of the fund.

## BARBERS FOR OPIUM SMOKERS.

Owing to the stringent laws in operation against opium smokers a very great improvement has taken place among those formerly addicted to the habit. However, the Anti-opium Bureau show no signs of slackening their vigilance and the latest idea is that refuges should be opened for the treatment of opium smokers among the poorer section of the community. The Bureau are said to possess an anti-opium pill which tends to stop the craving for the drug. This is certainly a good idea and the Bureau has notified his approval of the scheme to the Tao tai of Constabulary.

## BARBERS FOR OPIUM SMOKERS.

A disturbance lately broke out among the prisoners confined in Nam Ho Gaid and five of the ringleaders were brought up before the magistrates. One of the men refusing to kneel in front of the official he was immediately sentenced to 300 strokes. Another received 100 less but the others were let off lightly.

## A DISORDERLY OFFICER.

A man named Leung Chak Hing formerly held a position as a magistrate at Se Yan in Kwang Sai. He there embodied a sum of 1,400 taels and was in consequence dismissed from his post and ordered to refund the money. After waiting a long time and finding that no money was forthcoming the Government sent a notice to the man, saying that if the amount were not repaid in two months his estate would be confiscated. It has been found, however, that the culprit is old and sick and by no means rich and it is said that his ancestral property will have to be sold to meet the demand.

## MULBERRY LEAVES.

Mulberry leaves are being sold at four dollars a picul at Fatsan. The reason of this high price is that the first three crops of the year have been very scanty. The silk reavers are fearing that they will lose money on the year's trading if the fourth crop of leaves is no better than the others.

## NEW FACTORY.

A new leather factory is shortly to be opened under the joint management of merchants and officials. A capital of \$200,000 will be required. Of this the officials are to subscribe two-fifths and the merchants the rest. Prospects are to be issued shortly.

## YUET SEAN RAILWAY.

Last autumn the fares on the Fatsan and Sam Shui branch of this line were raised and the number of passengers decreased accordingly. The manager has now reduced the fares to what it was before and there has been a great increase of passengers.

## GAGS OF DISTRESS.

A disturbance lately broke out in the Sun Sing district and during the fight nine prisoners escaped. When the magistrate reported this matter he was severely censured by his superiors and he has been ordered to rearrest the fugitives and adequately punish them.

## A STRANGE REQUEST.

The head master of the Hoi Chi School at Nam Ho sent in a petition stating that in the locality there are several opium dens not complying with the regulations. He invited Government to confiscate these places and give the money thus obtained to the school. The magistrate, in refusing his request, pointed out that if this were done in the case of the Hoi Chi School, every needy institution would be petitioning for the same treatment, thus causing annoyance to the Government.

## COMPANY REPORT.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

The report of the board of directors for the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on Tuesday, the 10th August, is as follows:—The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the report and statement of accounts for the half-year ending 30th June last. After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other charges there remains, including \$20,279.30 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$171,170.01 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of one dollar and twenty-five cents per share, or \$100,000, be paid to shareholders, \$20,000 be written off, book value of steamers, \$10,000 be written off, and the balance of \$51,170.01 be transferred to depreciation and insurance fund, \$10,000 to special repairs fund, leaving a balance of \$21,170.01 to be carried forward to new account. The usual overhaul and repairs have been effected during the half-year and the steamers are all in good running order. Messrs G. F. Fiedland and C. H. Ross resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, and Messrs J. W. Bandow and C. E. Anton were nominated by the Directors to fill the vacancies, subject to confirmation by the shareholders at this meeting. In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs C. Loumann and H. E. Topkins retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The retiring Auditors, Messrs A. O'D. Gordin and W. Hutton Potts, offer themselves for re-election.

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## BANKRUPTCY AFFAIRS.

In a State of Chaos.

At the Bankruptcy Court, this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, dealing with a case said that it had revealed a state of chaos in the bankruptcy affairs of that court, which was perfectly scandalous. No blame was attached to the present Official Receiver, but he said it was scandalous because in bankruptcy it was essential, for the benefit of both creditor and debtor, that the proceedings should proceed as rapidly as possible. His Lordship did not propose to mention any names as it would be very unfair to everybody but the Official Receiver had told him that it was impossible to deal with the mass of papers. Since his able assistant had been appointed matters had considerably improved. His Lordship had ordered the papers to be brought before him as he so that he could discharge the orders.

## SPORTING.

## Water Polo.

Burr's R.E.

In the water polo shield competition at the Y.R.C. enclosure on Wednesday evening the Bufts won by two goals to one. The league table now reads:—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
V. R. C.	3	0	0	6
C. Y. C.	3	0	0	6
L. R. C.	3	0	0	6
Bufts	4	3	1	0
Royal Engineers	3	1	2	0
83th Co., R.G.A.	2	1	1	0
B. O. C.	2	1	1	0
87th Co., R.G.A.	3	0	3	0
88th Co., R.G.A.	3	0	3	0

## The Age for a Lawn Tennis Champion.

At what age may a lawn tennis player be considered to be at the zenith of his power? This question is being discussed in *Lawn Tennis*, in view of there being so many veterans playing at Home this year a better game than they ever played in their lives. The journal in question says two first-class players were discussing the subject the other day, and both plumped for thirty as the best age for "letting the best of the game" be. At that age, it was affirmed, a player was not only physically fit and able to undergo the strenuous ordeal of a five-set match without blowing and putting in the fifth set, but his experience of the game ought to have given him the essential knowledge of tactics. Then are given the ages of past champions at the time they won the blue ribbon at Wimbledon for the first time as follows:—

Date.	Name.	Age.
1891	W. Baddley	19
1897	R. Doherty	23
1900	P. H. Doherty	24
1902	H. E. Doherty	26
1906	H. S. Mahony	29
1907	N. F. Brooks	31
1901	A. W. Gore	33

## NEW AMERICAN MINISTER TO CHINA.

The Washington correspondent of the *Mainichi* cabled to the following effect on the 16th:—President Taft has issued an announcement stating that he has decided to appoint Mr. Charles Crane as the American Minister to China. The new Minister is the founder of the famous firm of Messrs Crane and Co. one of the largest manufacturing concerns at Chicago, and is one of the ablest business men in America. The President, who attaches great importance to the post at Peking, expresses much pleasure that Mr. Crane has accepted the appointment. Having visited Russia seventeen times, he has an intimate knowledge of the Russian language, and has also some knowledge of diplomatic affairs. Mr. William Crane, his uncle, was Professor of Chinese at Yale University and published an excellent book on China. The President has asked the Chinese Government for its opinion on the appointment. In view of the public desire that America should take steps to promote the commercial development of China, the Department of State regards the President's appointment of Mr. Crane to Peking as most timely.

The *Japan Advertiser* has received the following New York cable dated July 17:—The settlement of the Peking mission has come about somewhat unexpectedly with the appointment of Charles Crane, a wealthy Chicago furniture manufacturer, as Minister to China. The appointment has occasioned a good deal of surprise owing to the fact that Crane is a man entirely destitute of previous diplomatic experience. On the other hand, it is understood that President Taft has good reasons for regarding the new Minister as a man of profound commercial knowledge, which in this case is deemed of greater importance than political affiliations, in view of the new situation which has been created by the determination of the United States Government to play a more active role in the competition for concessions hereafter. Mr. Crane will set out for his new post as soon as he can complete his arrangements, and it is expected that as little delay as possible should be permitted, since American interests are likely to suffer through the absence of proper representation. Mr. Crane is a Democrat.

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HAIVANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	FRIDAY, 30th July, at 2 p.m.
HAICHING	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	TUESDAY, 2nd Aug., at 2 p.m.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

A reduction of 20 per cent on First-Class Fares to Foochow will be made during the months of July, August and September.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, Etc., VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

s.s. America Maru	- 5000 tons gross	Aug 30th, at noon.
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s.s. Marsh Maru	- 5000 "	Dec. 10th, at noon.

For particulars apply to

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MINNESOTA.

22,000 TONS

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Sailing Dates Subject to Change.

MINNESOTA	Captain H. W. RAYNES	MONDAY, 2nd August, at Noon, 1909.
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Calling at Manila, P.I. Westbound and omitting Shanghai Eastbound.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANÇAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

TONKIN.

Captain CHATELAIN, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 2nd August, at about 6 p.m.

F. DE CHAMPAGNE, Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1909.

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.

(With liberty to call at the Malacca Coast).

THE Steamship

WELSH PRINCE,

will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 14th August, 1909.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 1, 1909.

INDRA LINE LIMITED.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

INDRAWADI,

Captain W. GRAY WILLIAMS, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 2nd August, at about 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 14, 1909.

Shipping.

CHARGEURS REUNIS CO. FRENCH STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR SERVICE TO SAN FRANCISCO, MEXICO, PERU, CHILE, RIVER PLATE, BRAZIL.

THE Steamship of the Chargeurs Reunis Co. proceed from Yokohama DIRECT TO SAN FRANCISCO, without any call en route, thus affording a fast regular cargo service from China and Japan to San Francisco.

The S.S. ANTRAL DUFRERE, 10,000 Tons, Captain L. J. will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and other above destinations on or about the 19th September.

For further particulars, apply to

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, Agents at Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 14, 1909.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD, BREMEN.

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THE Steamship

MANILA,

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable Goods, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, (Sole and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained).

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1909.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 29th at 12.05 a.m.—The barometer has risen over 100 Japan, and fallen elsewhere except at the extreme Southern stations, the fall being considerable over Formosa, the Loochoos and the Bonins. The low pressure area extends over the N. part of the China Sea and the Pacific towards the Bonins. It appears to contain two centers, one in the China Sea almost stationary to the W. of the Balinghai Channel, and the other over the Pacific, possibly in about 20° Lat. 130° Long. The return from Apari is not yet in hand.

The high pressure is lying to the E. of Japan.

Rough weather may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch; unrecorded for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood: N. winds, moderate or fresh; unsettled squally.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: N.E. winds, fresh.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: N.W. winds, moderate or fresh.

To-day's Advertisements

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 2nd August (first Monday in August).

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1909. 958

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ORIENTAL HOTEL.

By permission of Col. Prior and Officers, the band of the 15th Rajputa, under Bandmaster Cook, will play the following programme at Dinner, on SATURDAY next, the 31st inst., at the ORIENTAL HOTEL, commencing at 8 p.m.

1. March—'Wearing of the Green.'

2. Valse—'La Voix des Cloches.'

3. Selection—'The Travellers.'

4. Serenade—'Bravo.'

5. Waltz—'The Waltz of the Flowers.'

6. Overture—'William Tell.'

7. Lancers—'The Lancers.'

8. Cake Walk—'The Cake Walk.'

9. Waltz—'The Waltz of the Flowers.'

10. Galop—'The Galop.'

The new tubular bells supplied by Hawker's will be used on this occasion.

DINNER MENU:

Souped Cucumbers, Spanish Olives.

HORS D'OEUVRES:

1. Omelette au Gratin.

2. Chicken à la Reine.

FISH:

3. Boiled and Shrimp Sauce.

ENTREES:

4. Frankfurt Sausage and Sour Ketchup.

5. Jugged Australian Hare.

6. Roast Asparagus and Mayonnaise Sauce.

CURRY:

7. Mutton.

JOINTS:

8. Roast Capon and York Ham.

9. Roast Sirloin of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding.

COLD MEATS:

10. Salt Goose in Jelly.

11. Liver Sausages.

SALAD:

12. Wachs Beans.

VEGETABLES:

13. Boiled Potatoes. 14. Mashed Potatoes.

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Gorgonzola, Roquefort,

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Hongkong, February 27, 1909. 23

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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STUMME AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEDZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, Red Sea, Black Sea, Levant, Venice and Adriatic Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship SILEZIA.

Captain RADONICZ, will be despatched at above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 26th of August.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

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Temperature.

Hongkong, July 29, 1909.

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